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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, UNSC, SY

SUBJECT: SYRIAN MIS-ESTIMATES OF US AND AE  
POSITIONS AT SC

1. SUMMARS: THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE THAT SYRIAN LEADERSHIP

IN DEVELOPING ITS UN STRATEGY DURING PAST WEEK SERIOUSLY  
MISCALCULATED US AND WESTERN EUROPEAN ATTITUDES TOWARD  
JANUARY SC DEDATE. END SUMMARY.

2. LORD CARADON, HERE ON TWO-DAY VISIT TO DAMASCUS,  
TOLD AMBASSADOR JANUARY 13 OF HIS MEETINGS EARLIER  
THAT DAY WITH PLO AND SYRIAN FONMIN REPRESENTATIVES  
CONCERNING SC DEBATE. PLO REPRESENTATIVE, WHOM  
CARADON DID NOT NAME, TOLD HIM HE WAS CONFIDENT  
THAT USG WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN SUPPORTING  
INCLUSION

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IN PROSPECTIVE SC RESOLUTION OF

CONCEPTS

OF (A) ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL TERRITORIES  
CCUPIED IN 1967, (B) PALESTINIAN RIGHT OF SELF-

DETERMINATION IN HOME LAND, (C) RIGHT OF RETURN  
OF ALL REFUGEES. WHEN CARADON EXPRESSED DOUBT  
THAT USG WOULD GO ALONG WITH ALL THREE CONCEPTS,  
PLO REPRESENTATIVE ASSERTED THAT HIS ORGANIZATION  
HAD BEEN ASSURED OF THIS "ON EXCELLENT AUTHORITY."

3. LATER SAME MORNING CARADON CALLED ON FOREIGN  
MINISTRY DIRECTOR OF WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS,  
JUWAYJATI, WHO TOLD HIM HE HAD JUST HAD A PAINFUL

ENCOUNTER WITH HIS "SUPERIORS" WHO HAD BERATED  
HIM ROUNDLY FOR  
NOT HAVING FORESEEN BRITISH, FRENCH  
AND ITALIAN ABSTENTION IN JANUARY 12 VOTE CONCERNING  
PLO PARTICIPATION IN SC.

4. WE HAVE REPORTED SEPARATELY PRESIDENT ASAD'S  
APPARENT SURPRISE THAT USG WOULD FEEL COMPELLED TO  
VETO PROSPECTIVE SYRIAN RESOLUTION FOR CLIMAX OF

SC DEBATE IF IT IS TABLED ALONG LINES REPORTED  
CAIRO 388 (NOTAL).

5. COMMENT: WE ARE PRESENTLY UNABLE TO DETERMINE  
WHETHER ABOVE MIS-ESTIMATES OF US AND WE POSITIONS  
REFLECT SUCCESSES OF A DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED  
AGAINST SYRIA WITH AIM OF FURTHER ALIENATINR SYRIA FROM  
WESTERN CONTACTS OR MERELY A HORRIBLE EXAMPLE OF SYRIA'S  
CAPACITY FOR SELF-DECEPTION.

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